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Children's Dental Services

Preventive Services

	Is the service Covered?			Frequency	List any service-specific limitations
	Yes	Only with prior authorization	No		
Cleanings	X				
Fluoride treatments (including fluoride varnishes)	X				Four treatments per year with at least 90 days between treatments
Sealants (list any tooth-specific limits)	X				
Space maintainers	X				



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Diagnostic Services

	Is the service Covered?			Frequency	List any service-specific limitations	Recommended age of first visit?
	Yes	Only with prior authorization	No			
Dental examinations						
	X					
X-Rays						
Bitewing	X					
Full Mouth	X					
Panoramic	X					



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Treatment Services

	Is the service Covered?			Frequency	List any service-specific limitations	Criteria for coverage
	Yes	Only with prior authorization	No			
Fillings						
Silver amalgam	X					
Tooth colored composite	X					
Crowns/tooth caps						
Stainless steel crowns	X					
Metal (only) crowns	X					
Metal/porcelain crowns	X					
Porcelain (only) crowns	X					
Root Canals (endodontics)						
Root canals on baby teeth (pulpotomies)						
Root canals on permanent teeth	X					
Gum (periodontal) therapy						
	X					



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Dentures						
Partial dentures	X					
Complete dentures	X					
Bridges	X					
Orthodontics*						
Retainers (orthodontic)	X					
Braces	X					
Oral surgery						
Simple extractions	X					
Surgical extractions	X					
Care of abscesses	X					
Cleft palate treatment	X					
Cancer treatment	X					
Treatment of fractures	X					
Biopsies	X					



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Treatment of jaw joint problems (TMJ)						
	X					Medically Necessary
Emergency room services provided by a dentist						
	X					Medically Necessary
Inpatient Hospital Services						
	X					Medically Necessary
Anesthesia						
General anesthesia	X				Must follow Occupationa license guidelines	Medically Necessary
Intravenous conscious sedation	X					Medically Necessary
Non-intravenous conscious sedation	X					Medically Necessary
Analgesia (nitrous oxide)	X					None



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* When this information is posted on the Insure Kids Now website, we will include a special note for orthodontic services explaining that parents and caretakers should work with their child's orthodontist to ensure that the treatment and payment terms and conditions are clear at the outset of treatment (for example, what happens in the case of a child who becomes ineligible for Medicaid or CHIP while he or she is undergoing orthodontic treatment?).